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Via DelaFile July 16, 2019

Donna L. Nickerson, Secretary Delaware Public Service Commission 861 Silver Lake Boulevard Cannon Building, Suite 100 Dover, Delaware 19904

RE: CPCN Abandonment: 08-CPCN-14

Dear Ms. Nickerson:

The Artesian Water Company, Inc. ("AWC") requests the authority to abandon the responsibility to provide water service to certain tax parcels located in the area commonly known as the Town of Ellendale ("Town"). AWC intends to abandon its water Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN"), with all of the rights and obligations under current law for the following tax parcel numbers as described in Order 7490, Docket No. 08-CPCN-14 which was granted on December 2, 2008:

Tax Parcel Nos. to Abandon:

230-26.00-75.14

230-26.00-75.15

Tax Parcel Nos. Prior to Subdivision:

230-26.00-75.00

Subsequent to the CPCN being granted in Docket No. 08-CPCN-14, tax parcel #'s 230-26.00-75.00 was subdivided to create, among others, tax parcel numbers 230-26.00-75.14 and 230-26.00-75.15. AWC is only seeking to abandon parcel numbers 230-26.00-75.14 and 230-26.00-75.15. Attached as Exhibit A is a map showing the parcels to be abandoned. Attached as Exhibit B is the Sussex County property record reflecting the change to the parcel numbers.

AWC believes the abandonment is reasonable for the following reasons: (1) AWC does not currently provide water service to any of the tax parcels to be abandoned; (2) The abandonment is necessary because Sussex County ("County") passed Resolution No. R 015 18 establishing the Ellendale Water District ("Water District") so that the County could take the necessary steps to provide safe reliable drinking water to Town residents (See Exhibit C); (3) AWC and the Town entered into a Water Service Agreement ("Agreement") where AWC will sell water to County so that it can in turn provide water service to the Town (See Exhibit D); (4) As part of the Agreement, AWC agreed to abandon certain tax parcels so the County could obtain the CPCN rights for the Water District; (5) The abandonment will not be unduly disruptive to the present convenience and necessity because no existing AWC customers are located within the tax parcels to be abandoned.

On April 5, 2019, the County notified Town residents of the Water District Resolution and that the County would file an application with the Delaware Public Service Commission seeking the CPCN rights for properties located in the newly formed Water District. Attached as Exhibit E is copy of the notification that was delivered via certified mail to Water District residents.

Based on the information provided above, Artesian Water Company, Inc. requests expedited treatment for abandoning the listed tax parcels from its CPCN so that Sussex County can move forward with its CPCN application and begin to provide water service to the Town of Ellendale residents. If you should have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Scott Stephan at 302-453-6986.

Respectfully Submitted,

David B. Spacht,

Artesian Water Company, Inc.

Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer

AFFIDAVIT OF GENERAL COMPLIANCE

I, <u>David B. Sp</u>	acht, being duly sworn or affirmed according to law, deposes and states as follows:
1. He is the	ne CFO and Treasurer of Artesian Water Company, Inc.;
2. That he	e is authorized to and does make this affidavit for said applicant;
3. That the penalty of perjury that	e applicant herein certifies to the Public Service Commission ("PSC") under
	The applicant agrees to comply with and be subject to the jurisdiction of the PSC of for the purposes set forth in 26 <i>Del. C.</i> §§ 114(b) and (c), 205(a), 207, 212, and 217 ble Delaware Code sections and Regulations.
	The Affiant further certifies that he has personally examined and is familiar with all in the foregoing application, including any attachments and appendices, and further ermation is true, correct, and complete. Signature of Affiant
	Printed name of Affiant
State of Delaware County of New Castl	
1 1	at was acknowledged before me on this day of

My commission expires: Much 14, 2020